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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Liam McDowell on March 12, 2010.

The application, particularly the claims in the application as presented in the appeal brief filed 6/9/2008, has been amended as follows:

The limitations of claim 7 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 15, and claim 7 has been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to reflect a change in dependency. Furthermore, claims 2-6 and 9-14 are cancelled as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1, 8 and 15 now read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A ventilation assembly for a motor vehicle, comprising a fan, a support for mounting the fan in a motor vehicle and means for securing the fan to the mounting support, the fan comprising a helix and a motor for driving the helix in rotation, the securing means comprising a collar for the radial clamping of the motor,

wherein the collar is integral with the support, wherein the securing means also comprise a wedging block which is to be inserted between the motor and the collar in order to clamp the motor radially.

8. (currently amended) An assembly according to ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein the collar is substantially rigid.

15. (currently amended) A module for cooling a front unit of a motor vehicle, comprising a heat exchanger and a ventilation assembly, the ventilation assembly comprising a fan, a support for mounting the fan in a motor vehicle and means for securing the fan to the mounting support, the fan comprising a helix and a motor for driving the helix in rotation, the securing means comprising a collar for the radial clamping of the motor, wherein the collar is integral with the support, wherein the securing means also comprise a wedging block which is to be inserted between the motor and the collar in order to clamp the motor radially.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are directed to a nonobvious improvement over the closest related prior art of United States Patent No. 5,275,538, particularly the wedging block which aids in the radial clamping of the motor.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 5,482,432 teaches radial clamping of a motor to a pump.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PATRICK HAMO whose telephone number is (571)272-3492. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Devon Kramer can be reached on 571-272-7118. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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